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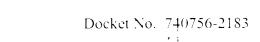
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IN THE CLAIMS:

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- A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising the step of: forming an insulating film comprising silicon nitride over a semiconductor by sputtering in an atmosphere consisting essentially of nitrogen.
- 3. A method according to claim 2 wherein the sputtering is performed by an RF sputtering method.
- 4. A method according to claim 2 wherein the semiconductor device is incorporated into an active matrix display device.
- 5. A method for manufacturing a semiconductor device comprising the step of: forming an insulating film comprising silicon nitride over a semiconductor by sputtering in an atmosphere consisting of nitrogen and argon.

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